

CHARITY BALL WAS BIG SUCCESS

With hosts of out of town guests present and many of the younger set home for the holidays, the annual (Civility) ball, that was given by Mercy Hospital A. J. society at the High School gymnasium last Thursday evening, proved to be the most enjoyable of the holiday festivities and was a big success both socially and financially.

The setting for the party, represented a pretty summer garden scene. Overhead, green and white crepe paper streamers formed a canopy that had an awning effect corresponding with the awnings at the windows, the streamers being fastened in the center by a large hanging basket that was filled with evergreen boughs and large red roses. Window boxes with blooming roses, and pergolas beautiful with evergreen boughs and roses, made it very picturesque. The place in which the orchestra was seated was formed of lattice work which was also pretty with the evergreen boughs and roses. The green and white awning overhead. Spruce and balsam trees formed the background for the orchestra.

The music, which was furnished by the Humbert-Whitney Red Stripe orchestra from Owosso, made a hit with the dancers, and when they started at 9:00 o'clock, everyone was in gay spirits, and ready to have a good time. Among those playing in this orchestra who were also familiar to Grayling residents, were Leo Schram, who took his place at the piano, Vernon Kingensmith, banjo and John Brewster, saxophone, who also is a real entertainer, singing many of the song hits during the evening. In costume. This organization has the honor of furnishing the best music that has been heard in Grayling in some time and Grayling people were greatly delighted. Leo Schram is planning on business with members of the band to Grayling for the summer tourist season at Lake Margate, which will be glad news to pleasure seekers.

The feature dance was enjoyed when confetti and horns were passed and much noise and merriment was the result.

Light refreshments were served to all who wished them, in the domestic science room, which also held a holiday air in its green and red decorations.

Mrs. Estern Hanson, who is president of the Hospital Aid society, was general chairman, in charge of arrangements. Mrs. A. J. Joseph was chairman of the decorating committee, Mrs. C. G. Clippert, chairman of the music, Mrs. Thores Cassidy, chairman of refreshment committee and Mrs. Marius Hanson, chairman of ticket sale, and it is mostly through their efforts that the affair was such an enjoyable one.

Among the out-of-town guests in attendance at the party were, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Haight, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McKinnon, Supt. and Mrs. Burket, Miss Janice Bailey, Miss Legna Gocha, Mrs. Longdo, Lyle Merry, William Johnson, Leland Ship, Alex. Cole of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Melstrup, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lubana, Einar Jorgensen and Mr. and Mrs. John Gross of Detroit; Bernard Johnson of Wayne; Mrs. Roy Bricker of Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duval of Monroe; Norma Lebahn and George Lowery of Cheboygan; Van Stewart and Charlie Miller of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermann, Miss Elizabeth Jerome of Lansing; Mr. LeRoy Smith; Sec. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arnold, Ypsilanti. There were also many other guests from Gaylord, Frederic and Roscommon.

SAVE MONEY BY PAYING TAXES BEFORE JANUARY 10TH

Save by paying your taxes before January 10th, as at that time the fee will be 4% instead of 1%.

Alfred Hanson, Twp. Treas.

THE NEW CHEVROLET

Wildfire enthusiasm kindled throughout the country last week when the new Chevrolet line for 1928 went on display took particular account of the many mechanical innovations embodied in the new car.

Thousands who viewed the new models noted that the wheelbase was increased and bodies made roomier and more beautiful, also that the mechanical features had been developed to a measure heretofore unknown in the low price class.

Outstanding developments in the engine and chassis that received widespread endorsement were the increased speed and power of the new car, better steering, four-wheel brakes of new design, shock absorber springs marking an advanced trend toward riding comfort, and smoother engine performance.

The last mentioned feature was achieved by the use of constant clearance-alloy "invar strut" pistons which make for smoother, more efficient motor performance.

Further contributions toward this end were gained by raising the compression ratio and by stepping up the valve lifts. Through these changes maximum power is developed.

Other changes in the engine are the addition of a breathing system to eliminate the annoyance of engine fumes, a new two-port exhaust, and a silencing engine enclosure.

The four-wheel brakes are of non-locking design—the product of Chevrolet laboratories plus the facilities of General Motors laboratories, and providing ground. Front brakes are two-shoe unenergized internals, while the rear brakes are the energized external, self-wrapping type. Front and rear brake have been proportioned to prevent side drag or pull. Each brake has an individual adjustment of the wheels, while "stops" have been provided to make the adjustment process especially easy. Easy initial pedal application throws the front brakes into action. Further application throws the rear brakes harder into action and also brings the rear brakes into full play, so that it is possible to slide the rear wheels on dry pavements by using full pressure but not the front wheels.

The effect of this, according to Chevrolet engineers is to get uniform wear on the brake lining.

The springs also are of extraordinary interest. Realizing that all uncomfortable spring action is the result of rebound after striking a bump, Chevrolet engineers set about to increase the friction of the springs and thus check the rebound.

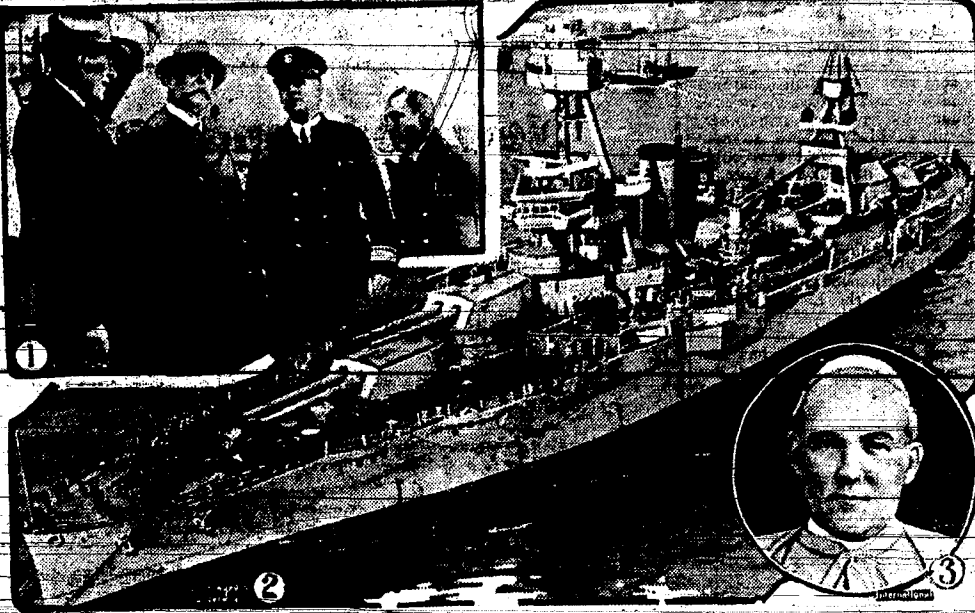
This end was achieved by equipping the springs with special rebound checks. Two checks are on each spring located half way between the center spring shackle and the spring end. These rebound checks are inverted bow shaped steel leaves assembled under high pressure against the top of the spring leaf, the ends pressing against the top of the leaf, increasing the resistance.

So much has the spring friction increased by this new device that the car is said to ride 50 per cent better than with the old type springs. The rebound checks also offer greater resistance to bumps.

Greater ease of steering was made possible by adopting a ball bearing worm and gear steering mechanism, including ball bearings in the steering knuckles, and by increasing the steering ratio from 8 to 9.5 to 1. The four inch increase in wheelbase contributes greatly to the riding quality of the car with less pitching and better road holding ability.

The front axle has been enlarged and strengthened to accommodate the new brake attachment. A fan shroud has been added for more efficient cooling, and a host of other details combine to make the Chevrolet for 1928 the best performing, most efficient, and dependable mechanical unit ever built by the company.

Frank Tetu, local Chevrolet dealer, says there were approximately 600 people out Monday to see the display of new models that were on exhibition at the Temple Theatre that day. Three models were exhibited—a Four-Door sedan, a Two-Door sedan and a Coupe. Mr. Tetu was assisted by George Smith of West Branch in explaining the features of the new cars.



1—Secretary of the Navy Davis, Admiral Hughes, Admiral Brumby and Lieutenant Commander Gillesburgh at the U. S. S. Falcon at Provincetown conferring about salvaging the sunken submarine S-4. 2—Battleship Texas, which will carry President Coolidge to Havana for the Pan-American congress. 3—Archbishop Raymond M. Rophae of Quebec, created a cardinal by the pope.

TELEPHONE CO. CHANGES HANDS

The local Telephone exchange owned and operated by Melvin A. Bates for many years has with the passing of the old year of 1927 passed from his ownership to that of Dr. O. M. Vaughan of South Haven, Mich., representing the Onway-Aplena Telephone Company.

The history of the local company extends to the time when Grayling had no telephone. Mr. Bates, who had been the local manager for the long distance company then known as the Northeastern Telephone Co., with lines from Bay City to Mackinaw, conceived the idea of forming a local company to promote telephone service in Grayling. In this he was encouraged by the urging of N. P. Olson, but being unable to organize a company satisfactorily, he concluded to start the business alone, and applied for a franchise which was granted Dec. 7th 1908. Material was at once ordered, poles were purchased locally, and a contract was made with Stone & Green, a firm of general contractors of Chicago for the construction of the plant, and the installation of fifty telephones. Mr. Bates had previously solicited subscribers, securing forty before letting the contract. All orders for phone service from that time has been unsolicited, the business coming from a recognized necessity for such service.

On March 1st, 1909 telephone service started with 13 regular subscribers, and on that day 16 requests were filed for telephones, and there has been a healthy growth ever since. However, the largest number operated by this company was 406, and it is a matter of pride with Mr. Bates that there has been a complete cessation of service but twice during the entire period, once a move to the upper floor from 9 p. m. to 6 a. m. one day, and for one hour Armistice day for celebration.

Mr. Bates says that he recognizes the fact that any mechanical arrangement will at times fail to operate, but it has at all times been his aim to let as little as possible lapse so that he has experienced all the human emotions from condemnation to commendation during the nineteen years of telephone operating, and desires at this time to extend sincere thanks for the patronage given him during the long period of telephone serving, and to say to those who have commended his efforts, "I thank you" and to those who were at times among the "dissatisfied minority". Also he wishes to state that the new owners being practical telephone men and men of large business affairs he feels sure they will give what the public demands—good service—and be appreciative for their favorable consideration.

REDPATH STAR HERE JANUARY 10TH

A wire from the Redpath Lyceum Bureau which has backed us with such wonderful Lyceum numbers on our regular program, informs us that the inimitable Charles Ross Taggart, one of their platform stars can be had for a special number on January 10th. Owing to an emergency in the schedule of this artist, this date has been thrown open, and we are privileged therefore in booking Mr. Taggart as a special number.

This number has no connection with the regular Lyceum numbers and therefore the tickets of the season are not valid for this night of entertainment. However, the Committee on Programs are making it possible to get a fifty cent number at "after 10" seats. Adults—80c; children—20c. See the bills.

The hour of meeting, 7:45 p. m. sharp.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

Received from "popular subscriptions" \$228.50.

Expenditures:

For Community Christmas tree, Candles, etc. \$83.00

To Good-fellowship Club for Christmas baskets and relief of conditions of distress \$140.00

Total \$228.50

A detailed statement of each subscription to the fund, and item of expense can be seen by seeing the Acting-Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Greenwood.

CIRCUIT COURT NEXT WEEK

SMALLEST CALENDAR ISSUED IN SOME TIME

Next Tuesday the January term of Circuit court will convene at the court house with Judge Guy E. Smith of Gladwin presiding. This probably will be a short term because there being but ten cases to be disposed of. Following are the cases on the docket:

Criminal Cases

The people vs. Howard Weller, violation of the prohibition law.

The people vs. Henry Loughton, assault.

The people vs. Robert Alexander, violation of the prohibition law.

Non-Jury Cases

Charles W. Kuehl vs. Thomas E. Douglas, trespass on the case.

Chancery Cases

The American State Bank vs. James E. Kellogg et al.—foreclosure.

Myrtle M. Ross vs. Henry Ross, divorce.

Clara Hum vs. Harry Hum, divorce.

Lena M. Clothier vs. Ernest E. Clothier, divorce.

T. J. Ryan, et al vs. S. Draft, et al, injunction.

John Bruun vs. Leon Babbitt, bill to quiet title.

Following is the list of petit jurors that have been drawn for this term:

Chauncey Ross, Beaver Creek.

G. S. Barber, Frederic.

John Smallwood, Grayling.

Adolphus Dellaire, Maple Forest.

J. Porter Royce, South Branch.

Charles Burt, Beaver Creek.

William Leng, Frederic.

John Mathieson, Grayling.

John Surday, Lovells.

Charles H. Marker, Maple Forest.

John McGillis, South Branch.

William Ellis, Beaver Creek.

John Farnon, Frederic.

Edward Chalker, Grayling.

Charles Miller, Lovells.

Hemming Peterson, Maple Forest.

John Corvin, South Branch.

William Love, Beaver Creek.

William Cox, Frederic.

Clarence VanAmberg, Grayling.

John Westcott, Maple Forest.

Frank Letime, South Branch.

Ed. Moore, Beaver Creek.

Maybe one reason for the surplus production of oil is that too many automobiles are now getting twenty miles to the gallon.

DEBATING LEAGUE MAKES BETTER CITIZENSHIP

The Michigan High School Debating league was organized by the University of Michigan for the purpose of directing the interest of the high school boys and girls of the State to the study of economical and political problems of state and national interest.

This year 240 high schools from every section of the state joined the league. Throughout the year each school meets interscholastic debates upon the subject: "Resolved that the direct primary system of nominating candidates for public office in the United States should be abolished."

This year 1500 high school boys and girls of the State of Michigan are carrying on an intensive study of the advantages and disadvantages of their conclusions in public debate. More than 600 such interscholastic debates are being held. More than 100,000 people of the State of Michigan are hearing these debates.

This early study of American governmental and political problems should produce a more enlightened public opinion and a better citizenry in our State. It is highly commendable that our high school boys and girls are undertaking this worthwhile work, and particularly that they are doing it in their leisure time.

The growth of the League from 66 high schools at its beginning in 1917 to 240 high schools this year shows that the boys and girls of this State are interested in worthwhile matters.

Now that the Senate refuses to recognize certificates of elections from the states wonder what would happen if the states should quit trying to elect senators?

One hundred and twenty-three rods were convicted recently in Poland and their sentences totaled 1,000 years. That ought to hold 'em for a while.



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USE OF ELECTRICITY RAPIDLY INCREASING

"Michigan, in the year just passed, placed a larger share of her tasks upon the shoulders of electric motors, and made greater use of electric lighting, than ever before in her history."

This statement was issued by the public utility information bureau upon completion of computation based upon statistics compiled by the U. S. Geological Survey.

A number of new records were made in the use and generation of electricity in the state during the year, according to the bureau.

Twelve per cent more electricity was produced by the state in 1927 than in the previous year. More than three and three-fourths billions of kilowatt-hours of electric energy was produced by the generating stations of the utilities during the year. Through the use of improved methods of generation, the proportion of electric energy produced by steam power required an average of 1.61 pounds of coal burned to generate one kilowatt-hour. This compares with 1.61 pounds required in 1926, and with nearly seven to ten pounds required 20 years ago.

This increase in efficiency during one year resulted in the saving of 13,600 tons of coal. Had the steam stations of the state's utilities needed 2.02 pounds of coal to generate one kilowatt-hour, as they did in 1920, the stations would have burned an additional half million tons of coal during the year.

The energy produced by the power plants of the utilities in 1927, the bureau figured, would equal the energy produced by 20,000,000 men working eight hours every working day throughout the year. In 1926 the energy produced, on this basis, would have equalled the work of 18,000,000 men.

JOHN COVENTRY PASSES AWAY

FORMER CRAWFORD COUNTY CITIZEN

Word from Ortonville announces the death of Mr. John Coventry, father of Mrs. Etta Phelps, and at one time a prominent and highly respected resident of Crawford county, who passed away Tuesday, December 20th, at his home, death being caused from illness brought on by old age.

Mr. Coventry was 81 years old and besides his daughter, Mrs. Phelps, is survived by two sons and one daughter, Phillip Coventry, now supervisor of Groveland township, in Oakland county, where the Coventrys have resided since leaving Grayling, which was in 1903. The other son is L. J. Coventry and Mrs. Lee Wright, all of whom reside in Oakland county.

During the Civil war Mr. Coventry served with the 11th New Jersey Infantry in Co. K. In 1879 he came from Oakland county to Grayling and settled in Maple Forest township and so was one of the pioneers of that community. Mr. Coventry during his residence here served as judge of probate and held other public offices of trust. He had hosts of friends, who regret to learn of his demise.

In talking of disarmament, European nations say that they first want guarantees of safety. But if everybody disarms and disarmament will end warfare, as the pacifists claim, what is the need of guarantees of safety?

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Service at 9:30 a. m.

Each Sunday American Legion Hall.

Sunday School 10:40 a. m.

All are welcome.

Michigan Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister.

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a. m. "The Man who might have been—Judas Iscariot."

7:30 p. m. "The Tenth American—the Negro." A picture-lecture.

6:30 p. m. Epworth League. The first lesson in the study of Stanley Jones' "Christ of the Indian Road."

"This Busy World"

An English professor assures us that there is an economic loss throughout the British Isles of at least 1,000,000 pounds a week, due to impairment of working capacity as a result of noise. He also says that the loss through ill-health and premature death, due to the same cause is a huge item and cannot possibly be reckoned. "We may not agree with his figures but we do know people who seem to associate noise with power. How refreshing therefore to read, 'In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.' And the other Bible line is also suggestive, 'Be still and know that I am God.'"

GIVES EMPLOYEES NEARLY MILLION

NASH MADE CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYEES

Distribution of approximately three-quarters of a million dollars in cash Christmas remembrances was made by C. W. Nash, president of the Nash Motors Company, among employees of the company's plants at Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee. No employee was overlooked, whether on a salary, time-work or piece-work basis. Mr. Nash personally greeting each employee, as he passed out of the factory gates, wished him and his family a Merry Christmas and handed each an envelope containing a ten dollar bill. Office and other salaried employees were remembered after the factory men had received their gifts.

"The loyalty of our workmen," said Mr. Nash, "is something that always gives me great pride and nothing occurs during the year affords anything like the pleasure I experience in personally greeting each of our men at Christmas time and presenting each a token of our appreciation for the splendid co-operation that has been accorded us."

In each of the envelopes was the following printed message, signed by Mr. Nash as president of the company: "Rather Time reminds that another year is drawing to a close. In closing the year 1927, we feel that we would fall short of doing our duty if we did not express to our workmen our sincere appreciation of their splendid support in the operation of our business. Enclosed you will find a little remembrance, not as a token for your co-operation, but as a reminder to you that you are in our minds at this Christmas time. May we extend to you and yours our best wishes for a pleasant Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness and prosperity."

But even at that, the internationalists will have unlimited resources back of them and they will be assisted by every professional class-room and pulpit internationalist. So this political chum, if it ever comes, will be a struggle worth witnessing and worth taking part in.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1934

KARCHER TO HAVE OPPOSITION

The state press says that Senator Horatio S. Karcher, of the 28th senatorial district, is going to have some competition for his seat if he runs for re-election next year. Senator Karcher's district is composed of the counties of Alcona, Arenac, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda and Roscommon.

This week Tony Archard, of Clare, well known in Republican ranks, wrote Attorney General William W. Porter a letter. Mr. Archard is a member of the board of managers of the state fair, and he wanted to know whether a member of that board could be a candidate for the senate without resigning his office.

The attorney general ruled that he could, but that in the event of election, he would automatically cease to be a member of the state fair board. Archard's friends have been urging him to get into the race against Karcher, and his letter to the attorney general was taken as the first indication that he is seriously considering the matter.

Mrs. Holbeck, of East Tawas, candidate for the house last year, is also considering getting into the senatorial race against Senator Karcher.—Roscommon Herald-News.

WEST BRANCH MAN TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Reports believed to be from reliable sources, are being circulated relative to having Robert M. Pointer of West Branch enter the Republican race for the office of governor at the next election in 1936. Mr. Pointer, it is stated, has received requests of this nature from all over the state. He was candidate in 1920 for president on the People's Progressive ticket and has been quite prominent in state political circles as well as those of his own community.—Gladwin Record.

An exchange contends that it is ungrammatical to say "the sick aviator has flu."

GETTING HIM TOWED

An exchange tells a very good one concerning a traveling man and a pretty hotel waitress. The yarn is based on the idea, correct or not, that commercial drummers sometimes seek to flirt with girls they meet during their travels.

In this instance it is said that when the waitress approached the traveling man's table to take his order he put on his most seductive smile and remarked: "Nice day, little one." She promptly agreed that the state of the weather was satisfactory, saying: "Yes, it is, and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I am a little peach and have lovely eyes, and I have been here quite a while and don't think I am too nice a girl to be working here. I don't think there is a dance in town tonight, and wouldn't go with you if there were." I'm a respectable girl from the country, and my brother is cook here and don't think I am too nice a girl to be working here. I don't think there is a dance in town tonight, and wouldn't go with you if there were.

"MICHIGAN"
It is an established fact that Michigan holds first place in the United States for cucumbers, small fruits, white beans, chemical products, engines, drugs, automobiles, threshing machines, and refrigerators, and in addition, ranks up well in furniture, copper, iron and salt production.

Here are some other things that Michigan brags about:
It ranks in the quality of honey.
The largest book paper factory in the world is in Kalamazoo.
Flax production nearly equals that of Ireland.

The silk factory at Beidling is one of the largest in the world.
Michigan stands out in the production of quality seeds.
Saginaw supplies graphite for seven-eighths of all the pencils made in foreign countries.
Michigan has water communication with seven other states.
Truly, Michigan is a great state.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

When we look at the dwindling hospital lists we are convinced that football isn't what it used to be.

English liberals are now blaming the stubbornness of British naval experts for failing to come to an agreement with Uncle Sam in the naval parity. But of course if they had been able to put it over on us, nothing would have been said about it and the party would have ended happily.

Victor Emmanuel is still the king, but Il Duce is the ace.

The latest news from Wisconsin indicates that the G-O-P elephant up

there is again able to swing his trunk and flap his ears.

Congressman Garner of Texas thought until the other day that the President was born in New Hampshire. But you can't blame him so much for this mistake as Vermont and New Hampshire must look like a couple of adjoining counties to a man from Texas. It must be remembered however that valuable things usually come in small packages.

Remember the good old days when you thought you were having a good time if you went to the city on a dollar excursion and spent another dollar while in the metropolis?

It is said that more than 5,000 sentences have been remitted or reduced in Germany by President Hindenburg as a result of his eightieth birthday policy of amnesty. Well this ought to assure him a nice bloc of votes if he runs again.

It seems to be very difficult for the so-called farm leaders to agree on a farm relief program but nobody has yet had the hardihood to want to refer the matter to the League of Nations for adjudication.

The Pennsylvania railroad has now put on a smoking car for women. But we bet they didn't put it just back of the tender.

A prominent educator advocates that we have more intelligent voting. The trouble is that the Republican and Democratic leaders can't agree on just what constitutes intelligent voting.

Experts in Germany disagree on the value of present German production. One expert puts it at 60,000,000,000 and another at 24,000,000,000 marks. Well why worry over a trifle like thirty-six billions?

In addition to keeping your ankles warm, a pair of grey spats makes you look like an actor.

There is a Central African tribe which has a peculiar custom. In debates the speaker is required to stand on one leg only and is permitted to speak only so long as he can stand on one leg. We don't know which tribe this is but it is our opinion that we ought to know a little more about its customs.

German socialists could not get the death penalty abolished but they succeeded in getting a law passed so that in the future the manipulator of the guillotine will wear a business suit instead of the customary full dress clothes. We don't know whether this change will mean anything to the condemned victims or not but it at least ought to convince them that the headman means business.

The population of Mexico is now fourteen millions and is increasing despite the large number of fatalities among presidential candidates.

A new clause has been added to the Constitution. Senators will hereafter be elected by the people, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

We agree with the financiers who think that it wouldn't be a wise policy to cut taxes below the deadline until we get the world war paid for.

The latest record price for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange was \$250,000 another reason why so many of us will continue to stand.—Detroit Free Press.

Ohio has at least four possible presidential candidates which would be enough to start a general massacre in Mexico.

One unexpected effect of the Eighteenth Amendment is to bring the old-fashioned Fifteenth Amendment back into the limelight.

Combined Color Effect in Elaborate Fur Coat



This elaborate fur coat giving a combined color effect is worn by Dorothy Mackall, First National star. It is of cream and cocoa dyed ermine. The coat is designed with a flare and has a wide shawl collar, cuffs and interesting panel treatment of the light ermine. The skirt trimming gives a novel effect, and emphasizes the elaboration of the mode.

"Be Yourself"

It is the vain endeavor to make ourselves what we are not that has driven history with so many broken parades and lives left in the rough.—James Russell Lowell.

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The word duck, used to designate an organization, is supposed to be derived from the Saxon, ducken, to drown. A duck being an association, the members of which are shared among the members.

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New body and radiator lines.
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New four-wheel breaks, 189 square inches of service brake and 70 inches additional on the emergency.
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Local News

Don't miss the basket ball game Saturday night, Frederic Cardinals vs. Grayling All City.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at the American Legion hall on Tuesday evening, January 10. Installation.

Mrs. Henry Bauman left for Detroit Monday where she will join her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Rottier and son and together they will go South for the winter.

Miss Virginia McKinnon of Grayling was a guest of Regina Sheehy over Sunday. On her return home Monday, she was accompanied by Miss Bunny Montour who was her guest for a couple of days.

The Wehnes family of Eldorado surprised Mr. and Mrs. Orlo L. Shreve, of Linger Longer Club, on Christmas day by dropping in on them and enjoyed seeing them unwrap their many beautiful presents.

Miss Helen Schumann returned to her work at M. S. C. Monday night after enjoying the holiday vacation at her home here. She was accompanied as far as Lansing by Miss Eleanor Schumann who was enroute to Grand Rapids.

The first basket ball game of the season will take place on the Grayling court, Saturday evening, when Grayling All City will play the Frederic Cardinals, managed and coached by "Pete" Johnson, former Grayling All City star. Preliminary game at 8:00, big game at 9:00 o'clock. Prices 35 and 25 cents.



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Burrow's Market

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Girl's Skating Wonder



The girl wonder is Maribel C. Vinson, seventeen-year-old skater from Winchester, Mass., who will wear the United States shield in the next Olympic skating competition. Miss Vinson was developed at the Boston arena by William Erick, famous professional skating teacher. Many experts believe she has a chance to win the singles.

BINA DAY DENEEN



Pretty Bina Day Deneen, daughter of Senator Deneen of Illinois, is one of the most popular of this season's debutantes in Washington. This is the young lady's latest portrait.

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In the Teapot Dome drama it appears that money played the leading roll.

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SALESMAN WANTED—Fog lubricating oils, greases and paints. Excellent opportunity. Salary or commission. The Jot Oil and Paint Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

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QUALITY CHICKS—Michigan Accredited, Free range and Trappist quality chicks from real money making flocks. Ten per cent discount on January orders for future delivery. Sterling Poultry Farm, Sterling, Mich. 1-5-3

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LOST—Saturday, Dec. 31st, a dark blue corduroy mackinaw, sheep-skin lined and with fur collar. Was lost either at Lake or on the road between there and Grayling. Finder please return to Mrs. A. E. Mason and receive reward.

FOR SALE—Two stoves. A Kalamazoo heater and a hard coal burner. Also a commode. Inquire at home of Bert DeBruin. 12-29-2

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION—Grayling, Jan. 28. Salary \$1800. Age 18-50. Don't miss this opportunity. Coaching course \$5. Booklet free. L. Hampton, Box 1818, G.X., Washington, D. C. 12-29-2

LOST—Pocketbook containing Schaeffer fountain pen, some money and bank book. Finder please return to Miss Ethel Taylor, and receive reward.

FOUND—A string of beads Tuesday morning. Owner call at Avalanche office for them.

FOUND—A 38x1 straightblade tire, and rim with cover. Call at Avalanche office.

LOST—Brown and white hound. Answers to name of "Spot". Dec. 12, in Beaver Creek. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts please notify Frank Koop, Roscommon, Route 1.

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America has loaned European nations almost a billion and a half dollars in 1927. Evidentially Uncle Sam isn't the horrid old Shylock they paint him or they wouldn't be coming back for more.

Old Boreas Does His Stuff



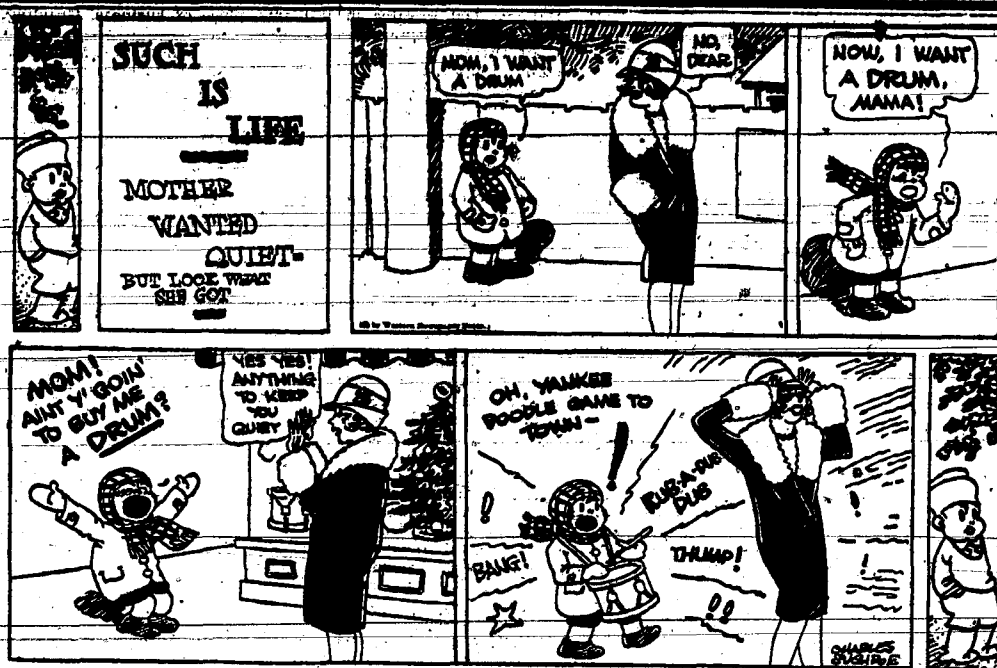
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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Tragedy of Submarine S-4—Hearst Is Bitterly Scored by Senators.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

FORTY men went to their death when the submarine S-4 was rammed and sunk by the coast guard destroyer-Paulding outside the harbor of Provincetown, Mass. At least six members of the crew survived for some days in the forward compartment, and there were desperate efforts to rescue them, frustrated by tempestuous weather. Divers went down, and communication was held with the imprisoned men by hammer tapping in code, the victims telling from time to time the steady depletion of their store of oxygen and pleading for speedy help. A big rescue fleet stood by trying to devise means to get the men out or to get oxygen, food and water to them, and pontoons were gathered for raising the vessel; but Wednesday evening all hope of saving any lives was abandoned, no further signals being received from the boat. The men who were in the torpedo compartment during those agonizing days were Lieut. G. N. Fitch, R. L. Short, R. A. Crabbe, George Pelmar, Frank Sniezek and J. L. Stevens.

One can but remark the pitiful lack of protection for submarine crews in such instances as this, and reading that European undersea boats are much better equipped with emergency devices, one wonders if our naval constructors are not at fault.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

Certainly poked his stick into a hornet's nest when he published those documents purporting to show that the Mexican government intended to present a lot of money to Senators Dorr, La Follette, Norris and Heflin. It didn't take the senate investigating committee many days to conclude that there was not the slightest reason to believe the senators ever had received any money from Mexico or ever had been offered any, and with this finding Mr. Hearst agreed. But he still insisted that the authenticity of the documents was practically established. Then Senator Norris, from his sick bed, issued an open letter to the publisher, exhorting him for his action.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, minority leader and a member of the investigating committee, also denounced Hearst, "charging him with the dishonoring of public men to further his own selfish purposes. The publisher issued a long reply to Norris, in justification of his action in giving the documents to the public and asserting that no proof had been produced of their lack of authenticity. Next day the committee was told by Robert H. Murray, a former correspondent of the New York World in Mexico City, that Miguel Avila, the man who claims to have bought the documents from Mexican government clerks, had admitted to him that a certain paper of this character was a forgery. Avila said, according to Murray, that Joseph De Courcy, formerly correspondent of the New York Times in Mexico, was responsible for the fabrication.

From Murray's testimony it would appear that a large number of forged Mexican documents were being circulated. He said it was common report in Mexico City that the American embassy was in the market for documents of this sort, and that he believed former Ambassador Sheffield had the same material as published by the Hearst newspapers. The opinion was, he said, that the embassy bought everything Avila brought to them.

REAR ADMIRAL MAGRUDER

is another man who appears to have bitten off more than he can chew. Being called before the house naval affairs committee to explain his criticisms of the Navy department, he asserted that millions could be saved annually if unnecessary shore establishments were eliminated, the number of high naval officers reduced, the naval transport service and obsolete ships scrapped and duplicating divisions in the naval bureaus at Washington eliminated.

Specifically Admiral Magruder urged the abolition of naval yards at New York city and Portsmouth, N. H., and the closing down of the yard at Charleston, S. C. He asked for the concentration of naval training station work on the East and West coast and the consequent closing down of the training stations at Great Lakes, Ill., and at Newport, R. I. In addition he asserted that four hospitals maintained at unnecessary stations and yards should be leased to the veterans' bureau.

Then Acting Chairman Britten of Illinois, and other members of the committee got into action, and to the innocent bystander it seemed as if they thoroughly ridiculed the admiral's vessel with their shots. They criticized him severely for not furnishing the committee with actual plans for cutting the naval expenditures and asserted that the adoption of all his suggestions would cost the government at least \$1,000,000. Though contending that his proposals were sound, the admiral did not say what it would cost to complete the dredging of Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, or what would be the cost of erecting new buildings on the coast and transferring the stations. He had asserted that it cost the government \$2,500,000 to operate the Great Lakes station last year, and Mr. Britten replied that he had taken the trouble to check up and found the navy estimates the savings if the Great Lakes station is abolished at \$200,000 annually.

Admiral Magruder had advised the abolition of the naval transport system, and stuck to this even after the committee showed him that last March Gen. H. C. Smithers, chief co-ordinator for the government, submitted a report showing that the navy transport service had been operated during the past year for less than the same work could have been done by private ships.

SENATOR JIM REED of Missouri has not declared himself to be a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, but his friends are pushing him for that honor and he is fully aware of that fact. Now he has cleared the way for his boosters by declaring that he will not again run for the senate. This statement is made by S. W. Feys, chairman of the Missouri Democratic committee. Of partisan Democrats and independent voters who believe in the "fundamental principles on which the Democratic party was founded," Feys said Reed's friends asked who besides Reed had a chance to carry the solid South and Missouri, and as good a chance to carry the doubtful states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Oklahoma and Kansas.

IN BEHALF of Gov. Al Smith's candidacy, Norman B. Mack, Democratic national committeeman from New York, issued a statement asserting Smith is the only man who can carry New York for the Democrats, and declaring the "so-called religious issue dead forever."

Gov. Henry J. Allen of Kansas says the dry Democrats of that state seem determined to climb aboard the wet Smith bandwagon in order to be with the winner. The Republican Kansas delegation, he says, will be for Senator Curtis as long as he is in the running. "Afterwards the majority, he thinks, will go to Hoover, as will the governor himself and William Allen White."

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AMONG the deaths that should be recorded are those of Senator A. Jones of New Mexico, who succumbed to angina pectoris; Willis W. Moore, former chief of the government weather bureau, and "King Ben" Funnell, leader of the House of Davy, cull at Benton Harbor, Mich., who bitterly disappointed his followers by not rising from the dead.

FARM GROUPS GATHER FOR STATE MEETINGS

Annual Farmers Week Magnet for Michigan Crops and Livestock Producers

East Lansing, Jan. 5.—The annual gathering of the agricultural clans of Michigan will take place January 30 to February 3 at East Lansing, according to an announcement by members of the College staff who have been in charge of the program for Farmers Week.

Forty-five Associations of Michigan farmers will hold their annual meetings at the College at that time. The associations represent people interested in soil improvement, live stock breeding, and the production of dairy products, fruit, flowers, potatoes, or grains. Sectional meetings for farm women have been arranged to discuss household problems that interest the rural home maker. Food used to be something that would stick to the ribs, but now women want to know whether the food placed on their tables meets the nutritional needs of their family.

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There are many spots of great historical interest throughout the state and in the regions principally devoted to the resort business few of these have been marked or, if marked, no attempt is made to draw them to the attention of the tourist or make them available through good roads and road markings. History, Indian lore and geology interest a high of tourists, the editorial points out, and if Michigan communities will develop these attractions as New England has, many tourists who merely drive through to look at the scenery will stop for a week or a month, a season or become permanent summer residents.

THE WISE FRIEND

Once upon a time—and not very long ago—there was a brother and sister who had a friend. A very special friend he was, who told them stories about men who flew through the earth; of boys and girls who had thrilling and mysterious adventures; of others who had most unusual situations confront them, yet managed to come through their tests with steadfast and courageous hearts; of wild animals in deep jungles—how they lived, hunted and died. Such a host of things did their good friend tell them of, and how interestingly he told them!

Came the time when their friend moved away to another town. Brother and sister were saddened by his going, for they knew they would miss his cheery smile and the wonderful stories and amusing anecdotes he was so fond of telling them. Then one day the postman brought them a letter from their friend, in which he told them he was sending them The Youth's Companion so that they would not forget him, and that in they would find just the sort of stories they had so much enjoyed hearing him tell.

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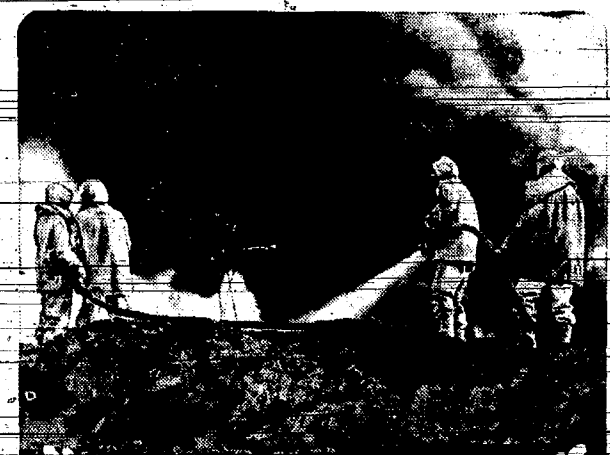
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A LITTLE TALK ON THRIFT

(By W. S. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

It is unfortunate that in much of the so-called thrift work in this country encouragement has been given only to the saving of money. One cannot, of course, say aught of such advice, excepting that it does not go far enough.

Abraham Lincoln once said that economy begins with saving money. What he had in mind was the great truth that in thrift, the first step consists of laying aside money, but that these primary practices do not constitute thrift in its entirety.

Let the nation learn the words of Lincoln that "economy begins with saving money," but let us emphasize the fact that Lincoln made use of the word "begin." Saving money is only the beginning of thrift.

Current events emphasize the need of widespread thrift education. There are thousands who have made their start by saving money, but unfortunately, their thrift education has gone no further. As a result, one reads in the papers almost daily of the exposure of individuals who have despoiled the cherished savings that grew in many cases penny by penny through a long term of years. No greater tragedies appear in the columns of the press than many of the stories of these misguided persons whose lifetime accumulations have been swept away.

Judging by the reports in the news, papers from day to day one seems safe in assuming that there is a rising tide of unscrupulous practices based on insufficient popular understanding of personal economics.

A great public duty confronts us all in putting forth every effort to end these machinations. As much attention should be given to teaching the correct uses of money as is given to the encouragement of saving money. Simply to preach "Save!" is not enough.

Wise spending and prudent investing constitute just as much of the problem of personal economics as successful saving.

General Chiang Kai-shek, former dictator of South China, is not the only man who has been in the position of a leader without a following. Such leaders are numerous in this country.

Port Wayne News-Sentinel.

Lindbergh's statement that he will no run for Congress indicates that he is still as smart as he is courageous.—Indianapolis News.

WHAT'S NEW

A new camera of Swedish invention is said to be an aid to the early diagnosis of certain diseases through the detection of symptoms disclosed by photographs of the eye.

A folding airplane designated as "fool-proof" is to be manufactured at Peterboro, Ont., at a cost of about \$3,000.

An electric car to develop a speed of more than 200 miles an hour is claimed as the invention of an English engineer.

The British Army has a new one-man tank equipped with both caterpillar and rubber-tired wheels, capable of firing more than 100 shots a minute.

A German priest is developing a device which by pressing a button will throw an aviator from a falling plane, after which the pressing of another button will inflate his suit and enable him to float to earth like a balloon.

A new mechanical manicuring device operated by electricity is said to be seven times as rapid as a human manicurist.

SIDELIGHTS

By Marcy B. Darnall

How easily do you sign on the dotted line? To illustrate that few persons read a document they are asked to sign an Eastern college professor made a talk to his class asking them to sign a petition that the birthday of a noted man be made a holiday. About 50 signed without reading the petition. It requested that the right arms of the signers be cut off at the elbow.

Before you get discouraged over minor misfortunes, think of what happened to Paul Kotay of Hammond, Ind. While working in a steel mill last June a hot steel rod pierced him under the jaw and came out through his temple, 22 feet of rod being pulled through his skull. Last week he was discharged from the hospital, ready to go to work again.

O. O. McIntyre tells of a publicity seeker who got more than he bargained for. He wired a comedian friend: "I am bringing my girl to the show tonight. If you can use my name in a gag I will appreciate it." The comedian complied by reading the telegram from the stage.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESUME

(By Wm. McMahon, Pres. New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

Steel looks better. New orders are coming in, especially from the railroads. Car loadings are disappointing and there has been a falling off in passenger business for a long time. Some of the motors will do well the fore-part of 1929, but there is bound to be price warfare especially among the low-priced cars. Oils are still handicapped by overproduction, but in a year's time the industry should be enjoying prosperity.

Overproduction now is vexing the textile business. A better co-operative, is manifest, particularly in the worsted division.

The powers of the federal government are relaxing in respect to trade associations. Cut-throat methods within given industries have hampered them heretofore. Next year will see attempts at self curbs particularly in Oils, Rubbers, Sugars, Steel, Textiles and Coppers. These should do better throughout the coming year.

Demands for electricity is growing. Cotton and grains are strong in price, coffee is quiet, agriculture is optimistic for the first time in three years, and money and credit are easy with our foreign trade in an advantageous position.

New financing has dropped off considerably, chain stores are recording gains in sales volume and the last quarter among the department stores was satisfactory.

Towards the middle of January we expect to see strength in the stock market, particularly in General Motors, United States Steel, American Car & Foundry, Continental Can, Wright, Aeronautical, Congelium, Simmons Co. and Packard. Profits may be taken in the utilities, most of them to be picked up again at the height of the Walsh senatorial investigation of Utilities about to take place.

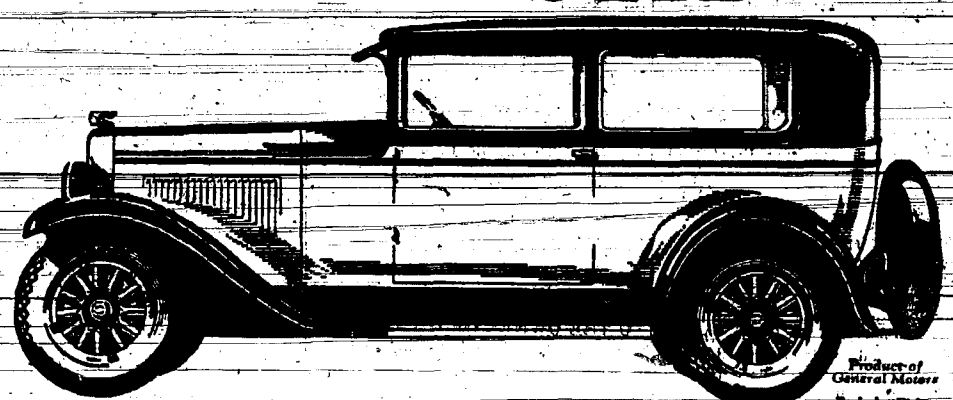
Will Rogers, the lasso humorist, who was chumming with President Calles on a special train with an occasional stop for bull-throating exhibitions, got back to Mexico City just in time, following the news that Mexican bandits had captured a circus train and carried off the performers.

Most of us are on the verge of a revolt a good deal of the time, but we don't do anything because we're too tightly harnessed.

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Atherton's Garage, South Side

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"If vain our soil, we ought to blame the culture (management), not the soil."—Alexander Pope.

Pigs are Pigs.

If there ever was a book containing a good, wholesome laugh, it is Parker's little book bearing the above title. You ought to read it.

However, it is not my plan to try to make this article funny. I would like to make it so practical that many of our farmers will take up with it and add an overlooked but valuable source of income to Crawford County.

This side line is not pushed in the county as all as it should be.

If a farmer is in need of one hundred to several hundred dollars more money than the farm usually yields, let him get it by having a bunch of hogs, quickly and well finished, to turn off in the fall.

Old Talk

I know the old line of talk. "This isn't a corn country." I guess that if there is any money in hogs some one would have found it out long ago.

Why Bring Up the Subject Now?

This article is written this week for good reasons:

(1) It is exactly the time of year at which brood sows ought to be bred, in order to have the first of the two yearly litters arrive at the right time in the spring.

(2) It's just the right time to make up your mind to make a start with hogs, and to make your plans.

Quick Returns

If a farmer is a good feeder, and a careful caretaker, he certainly makes a quick turn over of his money with hogs; in early spring. The sow is all of his hog stock that shows less than seven months the same sow, with possibly a family of fourteen finished hogs, nearly as large as the mother, ready for market.

Eating Their Heads Off

The man who detests a good clean hog; or one who thinks that any old corner is good enough for a hog; or one who begrudges every pound of grain fed; or one too shiftless to provide good pasture; or one who tries to grow 20 hogs on the feed that 10 ought to get, such had better stay out of the hog business, for they will not get anywhere, excepting into debt, through it.

A Tidy Hog is Good to Look At. A hog is a clean animal, if given a chance. One given clean bedding and room enough will always keep the sleeping quarters clean, far cleaner than a horse or cow.

With the hog clean, free from worms, and rapidly gaining in weight, you have one of the most encouraging forms of livestock.

To see the clean animal almost grow before your eyes is an appetizing sight for farmers.

Ten or twelve finished 200-pound hogs, out of one brood sow, in six months from birth, will bring in a fine lump of money.

A Few Suggestions

Professor F. W. Wolf, author of the book, "Productive Feeding of Farm Animals," offers some very practical suggestions in the chapter on "Feeding Swine." I will copy a few of them for those enterprising farmers who may not have the book.

While I have found in books and bulletins some of the best ideas I ever put into practice on "Groveland Farm," while last year's class of 10 Master Farmers in Michigan, as well as this year's class of the same number, all say that they owe much to ideas gained from books and bulletins, yet I know that the mention of a book or bulletin is to some farmers like a red rag waved before a bull.

Though a bulletin may contain the condensed essence of a specialist's life and experience, let the specialist or investigator but try to let the world have the benefit of that experience through a little bulletin of 10 or 12 printed pages, instead of trying to tell it to everybody by word of mouth, and the same good ideas at once become fairly poison to some people.

With Apologies

With Apologies to the latter class, I will give here a few thoughts from Professor Wolf's "Swine Feeding" that will certainly help an open-minded man.

Next to the dairy cow, the hog is the most economical producer of human food material among our farm animals, and it stands close to the cow in this respect.

Best results in feeding pigs are secured when they receive good, wholesome food, and one given careful attention.

Under these conditions, swine raising is especially profitable.

It will, as a rule, yield quicker and relatively larger results than any other branch of animal husbandry.

The largest returns for amount of feed eaten are secured from young pigs.

The amount of feed required for a pound of gain is smallest in young pigs, and increases steadily with advancing age.

Grinding corn for fattening pigs in general does not pay.

Experiments with small grains and corn have shown that there is a saving of 12.5 per cent. (about 1/4) by grinding.

consumption or to improve palatability of the feed.

No decided advantage is secured by soaking feed.

Corn is, above all, a fattening feed, and stands at the head of desirable concentrates for finishing fattening swine.

It is not well adapted for feeding alone to young growing pigs. Much damage has been done our swine industry through the abuse of this grain as an exclusive feed for young, growing pigs.

Young animals must receive a combination of feeds that will develop a body with normal bone structure, muscles and internal organs.

As corn is deficient in protein and mineral matter, pigs require some additional feeds besides corn, like skim milk or middlings, or peas, or tankage, to build up a strong frame.

Barley may almost take the place of corn. It gives best results with pigs if rolled or ground.

Oats are not a satisfactory swine feed on account of their high fibre content, except for breeding stock and shoats not being fattened. In case of such animals, oats may be fed whole, scattered on ground or on a feeding floor, so as to give the animals exercise.

Results from feeding skim milk and corn to pigs depend on the proportion in which the two are given.

Skim milk alone will produce very unsatisfactory results in feeding pigs, and more than five or six pounds of skim milk per pound of corn is also likely to give poor returns.

The results of a large number of trials at the Agricultural College of Wisconsin showed that a proportion of 3 pounds of skim milk to 1 pound of grain will give most economical results in gain of live weight.

Did you ever notice that all the husband killers immediately put on deep mourning for them.

Recent agricultural college experiments show that skim milk is the cheapest and best protein supplement for growing pigs, according to the Blue Valley Creamery Institute. Notable among these experiments was the one conducted at the Minnesota College of Agriculture, which emphasizes the importance of feeding the skim milk on the farm in producing cheap pork as another source of income to the dairy farmer. Ten pigs in one lot receiving tankage as the protein supplement required 307 pounds of corn to make a gain of 100 pounds at a feed cost of \$7.79, whereas when skim milk was used in place of tankage ten pigs in another lot required only 201 pounds of corn to make a 100-pound gain at a cost of \$5.48. At prevailing prices for corn and tankage, these trials gave 100 pounds of skim milk a feeding value equal to 11 pounds of tankage and 25 pounds of corn. Furthermore, the pigs receiving skim milk reached a weight of 83 pounds in two weeks less time than was required by the tankage-fed group and at a reduced cost of \$2.31 per 100-pound gain.

Modern Arab Denial

Stupid and Inartistic

Generally speaking, laziness is predominant in the Arab. A few work very hard, but they are in a great minority. The remainder do nothing which is not necessary for their livelihood, and these who are obliged to earn their daily bread just earn it and no more. This is partly due to the climate and partly to the precept of the Koran, which forbids man to provide for the future, as, in so doing, he will lack faith in the infinite power of God alone.

Sportmen they all are—loving a gun and a horse more than anything else in the world, and ready for any form of hunting.

From an intellectual point of view the Arab is a denuded, very ill-read and utterly inartistic. With an Arab of good upbringing, there are two subjects which he can discuss—religion and sport. They have not heard of the most world-famous authors. Shakespeare, Goethe, Voltaire, are not even names to them, except when they happen to have been applied to streets which they have frequented.

Musical, outside their own, is an unknown quantity; pictures other than photographs of people they know do not exist. All that which counts for in the literary, musical, artistic world is as complete a blank to them as a Babylonian cuneiform to an able seaman. From "Algeria From Within," by R. V. C. Bodley.

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World's Steam Wells

Geyser Creek canyon, about seven miles from San Francisco, has seven steam wells. A. J. D. Italy, has several. There are, however, few validly where many steam wells are possible. Volcanic action may have brought the heated interior of the earth's crust close to the surface, and conditions must be favorable for water to reach the heated rock masses through natural channels. Other such regions are the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes in Alaska—a region in Japan, one in northern Chile and one in New Zealand.

Parasolator Chauffeurs

No one would think of acquiring an automobile and running it without some study and understanding of it, but thousands of people acquire chauffeurs and do not think it necessary to study or understand them.

Woman's Hope Depression

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Lounging Robe Chic With Quilted Border



Green satin robe with a quilted edge of bright yellow satin, as displayed by Audrey Ferris, Warner star. The green embroidered medallions along the border are the trimming on this very attractive robe.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

The Coconut Crab

There is a certain kind of crab which lives on coconuts. The largest of the crab family he makes a house for himself among the roots of the coconut tree and lives conveniently as a sort of parasite. As much as a quart of pure oil is obtained from these crabs as a result of this coconut diet.

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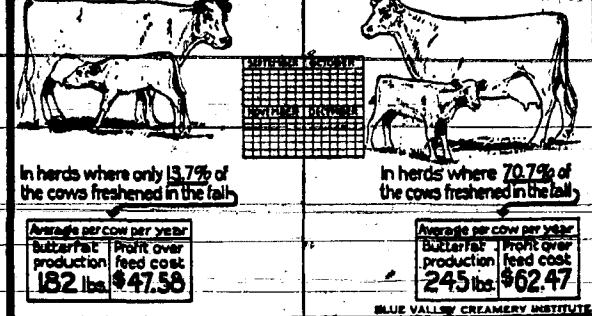
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Fall Freshening Cows Most Profitable



In herds where only 13.7% of the cows freshened in the fall.

In herds where 70.7% of the cows freshened in the fall.

Average per cow per year. Butterfat Profit over production feed cost. 182 lbs. \$47.58.

Average per cow per year. Butterfat Profit over production feed cost. 245 lbs. \$62.47.

BLUE VALLEY CREAMERY INSTITUTE

BIGGER PROFIT IN WINTER DAIRYING

Find Fall-Freshening Cows More Profitable Butterfat Producers.

Full freshening cows are more profitable butterfat producers than those starting their milking year in the spring, says the Blue Valley Creamery Institute. In other words, winter dairying is more profitable than summer dairying.

Although spring freshening cows have the advantage of starting their milking year under ideal feed conditions provided by an abundance of luxuriant, nutritious pasture—the cheapest and best of all feeds—such a favorable environment is short-lived. A few weeks later the heat of summer is upon them. Good pasture is then abundant, but the farmer to the field does not permit the farmer to give his cows the attention they require. Files add to the discomfort of the cows, their milkers and the calves. As a result, cows go down in production and stay down. No method of feeding has yet been found which will bring them back to good production after they have once been permitted to go down. Furthermore, butterfat prices are generally lower in spring and summer than at any other time of the year.

The greater profitability of fall-freshening cows is shown by a study made of 2,050 New York state dairy herds. In herds where only 13.7 per cent of the cows freshened in the fall months of September, October, November and December, the average production of each cow for the year was only 182 pounds of butterfat—worth a profit over feed cost of \$47.58. In herds where 70.7 per cent or more of the cows freshened in the fall, the average yearly production of each cow was 245 pounds of butterfat which yielded a profit of \$62.47, above feed cost.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

The Soviet government is "merciless with insurgents." Thus the perfect state secures its object. Violence for virtue is its method of progression. —New York Sun.

As war is causing a famine in China, we might as well get ready to have the hat passed in this country. —Indianapolis News.

Cheap labor may be dearest in the end. —Boston Herald.

A small town may be defined as one that hasn't at least one traffic light, whether needed or not. —Ohio State Journal.

"The Republican Party's sole object," says Senator Walsh, "is to make the men of wealth rich." This will include rich Democrats, of course. —Boston Globe.

Do You Know?

Questions—14.

1—What president was elected by the house of representatives?

2—Where did the United States flag first fly in the face of an enemy, and when?

3—What causes a lump in a person's throat?

4—What is the hottest place in the United States?

5—Who is the British open golf champion?

6—What composer was not only a master of dramatic music, but was himself a dramatist of great genius?

7—Which continent, in proportion to area, has the longest coast line?

8—Who wrote a famous diary in shorthand, which was not deciphered for a hundred years?

9—Who said: "Look! There is Jackson standing like a stone wall!"

10—In what country is most of the diamond cutting done?

Answers—14.

1—John Quincy Adams.

2—Fort Mifflin, New York, 1777.

3—Sudden emotion causes the muscles of the throat to work upward pressing against the windpipe, and causing one to feel as if there was a lump in the throat.

4—Death valley in California.

5—R. T. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.

6—Wagner.

7—Samuel Pepys.

8—General Roe of the Confederate army.

9—Belgium.

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To Hattie DeLong, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Lewis Henry Helms, grantee under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said register of deeds.

William Johnson, mortgagee named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commenced under suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land: STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

North half of northwest quarter of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter of northwest quarter of Sec. 20, Town 25N, Range 3W.

Amount paid \$9.77 tax for year 1923.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$29.54 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Marius Hanson assignee of William H. Williams, place of business, Grayling, Michigan.

To Basil H. DeJessey, B. H. DeJessey last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the Village of Grayling in said county, on the 29th day of December A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Arthur H. Ostrander, mentally incompetent.

Katie R. Waldron having filed in said court her petition alleging that said Arthur H. Ostrander is a mentally incompetent person, and praying that said Katie R. Waldron or some other suitable person be appointed as guardian of his person and estate.

It is ordered, that the sixth day of February A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that notice thereof be given by personal service of a copy of this order upon said Arthur H. Ostrander and upon each of his nearest relatives and presumptive heirs-at-law as reside within said county, at least fourteen days previous to said day of hearing.

And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all others of his nearest relatives and presumptive heirs-at-law by a publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

The Probate Court for the county of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Ramus Hanson, late of the Village of Grayling, in said county, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that six months from the 17th day of December A. D. 1927, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 18th day of June A. D. 1928, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 18th day of June A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 17th A. D. 1927. GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

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Description of Land: STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

West half of the southeast quarter of Sec. 32, town 25N, range 3W.

Amount paid \$40.93 tax for year 1923.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$121.77, tax for year 1924.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$171.11 tax for year 1925.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$121.20 tax for year 1926.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$170.30 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

C. D. Wheeler, place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the Village of Grayling in said county, on the 29th day of December A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Lottie Atkinson, administratrix of said estate having filed in said court her final administration account, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered, that the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to the day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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Williams, place of business, Grayling, Michigan.

To Michigan Central Railroad Company assignee of Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Myrtle E. Hallen; Rev. D. N. Anderson, grantee under State Tax Homestead deeds, appearing of record in said register of deeds.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court held at the probate office, in the Village of Grayling, in said county, on the 15th day of December A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Marshall A. Atkinson, deceased.

Lottie Atkinson, administratrix of said estate having filed in said court her final administration account, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

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Make it your first duty of the New Year to see that your first aid cabinet is fully equipped with first aid remedies. It may mean saving a life in case of accident.

Portable sets to carry
in your car.

MAC & GIDLEY
The Rexall Store Phone 18

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1928

G. C. Macdonald, of Bay City was a Grayling business caller Tuesday.

Walter Bell of Flint, spent a couple of days here last week visiting friends.

Miss Margaret Burrows of Flint is visiting at the home of her brother, Arnold Burrows and family.

Phil Van Patten who has been making his home in Grayling for several months, returned to Flint last week.

Mrs. William Green and children of Detroit are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lusius Macdonald for a few days this week.

Mrs. George N. Olson left Tuesday for Gaylord to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark for a couple of days.

Part of the Frank Smith & Son garage and gas station at West Branch was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Terry O'Brien of Lansing is the new yardmaster at the Michigan Central yard office here. He was a resident of Grayling when a boy.

Miss Edith Olstrom returned to her home in Detroit Tuesday, after spending a few days visiting with her sister Mrs. Charles Adams and family.

I am collecting taxes at my office in my service station every day from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Alfred Hanson, Twp. Treas.

Frank Rockwell informs us that the toboggan slide at Gaylord is ready for use and invites Grayling people to come up there next Sunday and enjoy it.

A large crowd attended the first showing of the new Chevrolet cars at the Temple theatre last Monday. During the afternoon, McNeven's orchestra rendered many selections.



A Good Lunch

A sandwich made from
Blue Bird Bread
and your favorite filling
is a lunch time snack
you can enjoy day after
day. Blue Bird bread
is uniformly good—that
is one very important
reason.

You will like our pastries too

Model Bakery

A. R. CRAIG, Prop. Phone 142

Dance at the Temple Saturday, Jan. 7th.—Alumni orchestra.

James Lowery of Cheboygan spent a few days here last week.

E. J. Peterson of Rogers City, spent New Year's visiting friends here.

Cletus St. Pierre has gone to Niles, where he is employed by the Michigan Central Railroad Co.

Come to the Temple, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Dance to Grayling's new band. Gents 75c Ladies free.

Miss Helga Jorgenson who has been a patient at Mercy Hospital for the past six weeks, was dismissed Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNeven and family returned from Petoskey Friday where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Miss Kathryn Brown left Friday for Flint where she spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cregue Jr. and family.

E. P. Platt and W. D. Hickin of the Alpena, Onaway Telephone Company, were Grayling business callers the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Walt left for Flint Saturday where they will visit for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Woods.

Herman Hanson returned to Flint Friday after spending a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Hansine Hanson and family.

Miss Angela Amborski returned to her duties at the Cooley-Gift Shop Tuesday, after spending the holidays with her parents at Gaylord.

Mrs. Spencer Holst and son Spencer returned to Detroit Friday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough.

Mrs. Walter Woodson Jr. returned to her home in Salisbury, N. C. Saturday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman.

Esmond Houghton is carrying his left hand in a sling as the result of having the thumb smashed in Thursday while loading pulpwood at Lovell's.

Miss Rose Cassidy who has been on a case for Dr. McCaig of Gaylord at Indian River for the past couple of weeks, returned to her home here Saturday.

Charles Miller and Van Stewart of Flint were guests on Thursday of Ebern Hanson Jr. The young men came up to be in attendance at the Charity Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arnold of Ypsilanti, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport a couple of days last week, coming to be in attendance at the Charity Ball.

C. P. Kline, Superintendent of Schools at Akron, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Albertson also of Akron, were holiday guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Greenwood.

Miss Marguerite Montour of Bay City, visited her parents from Thursday until Monday. She was accompanied to Bay City by her sister, Miss Genevieve who will spend a few days with her.

The Ladies Aid society of the Michigan Memorial church will meet with Mrs. Sigwald Hanson, Friday afternoon, Jan. 5th. Everyone is asked to be present.

Mercy Hospital Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Hanson on Thursday, January 12th. Mrs. J. K. Hanson and Mrs. Charles Tromble will assist in entertaining.

Mrs. Samuel Johnson, a highly respected resident of Frederic for over 20 years passed away at her home in that village Tuesday afternoon at the age of 82 years. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon with interment in the Frederic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Capstraw and family of Detroit arrived Saturday to spend New Year's with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trudeau Sr. and family. Mrs. Capstraw and family will remain for a longer visit.

Lee Schram, Vernon Klingensmith and John Brewster of Owosso, who played with the Humbert-Whitney orchestra for the Charity Ball last Thursday, enjoyed a couple of days visit with friends here. Leo Schram visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schram.

A volume of bound files of the Avalanche for the years 1903 and 1904 have been borrowed from this office and not returned. Anyone having knowledge of their whereabouts will confer a great favor by notifying this office. It is important that these be found. O. P. Schumann, Pub'r.

Alfred Hermann motored up from Lansing Thursday to be in attendance at the Charity Ball and to visit with his wife and mother, Mrs. Anna Hoffmann and family. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Lorene Sparks and son Jack who had been in Lansing several days consulting a specialist in regards to young Jack's health. Mr. and Mrs. Hermann returned to Lansing Monday where they expect to reside for the winter.

The New Year's dance, that was given at the Temple theatre Saturday evening by McNeven's orchestra, was attended by a large crowd of young folks. Everyone seemed to be having a gay time and the music was very good. At the midnight hour, horns and caps were passed out to the dancers, and the noise that followed surely indicated that the old year was passing in the background. Many of the old lively tunes were played by the orchestra at the midnight hour, which made the party a merry one.

The Board of Supervisors have been in session since Tuesday afternoon. Among the many important matters have been determined thus far in the engaging of a county agricultural agent for next year. It is understood that Mr. Bailey, who has been agent for several years past will not accept the position another year due to ill health. Mr. Carr, state superintendent of county agricultural agents, was here Wednesday and assured the Board that a suitable agent would be provided in due time. Mr. Bailey's term expires April 1st.

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Mrs. Harry Pond who spent a few days in Lansing returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Lillian Ryan is in charge as chief operator at the local telephone exchange, under the new management.

Dr. Frank H. Cookson, district superintendent, attended the first quarterly conference of the Michigan Memorial church, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Roy Bricker and son Rex, returned to their home in Royal Oak Friday, after spending part of the holidays with her sister, Mrs. O. W. Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler and daughters, Mary Ann and Edna, enjoyed a visit with relatives in Standish, Flint and Pontiac over the New Year holiday.

Coach Laverne Cushman, who spent the holidays at his home in Mt. Pleasant, is back on the job to get his daughter's basketball team in shape for a two day trip next week when they will depart for West Branch and Standish.

Mrs. Otto Roeser and son, Dr. Waldemar Roeser of Pontiac were in Grayling Thursday enroute from J. E. Fletcher at the Military Reservation, where they had spent Christmas with Mr. Roeser, who operates a drug store at that place.

The Misses Ella and Margrethe Hanson returned to the Bennett School for girls at Millbrook, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon. They were accompanied as far as Detroit by their mother, Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Mrs. Jesse Schoonover, Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Harold Jarmin and Mrs. Emil Giegling, motored to Saginaw Wednesday to hear the noted young singer, Miss Marion Talley, who is singing in one of the theatres at that place.

Ebern Hanson Jr. and Miss Virginia Hanson left Monday for their school work. Miss Virginia for Chicago and Ebern Jr. for St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis.

The latter's father accompanied them as far as Saginaw.

A group of the members of the Michigan Memorial church, called on Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Greenwood, Saturday evening, to help them watch the old year out and the new year in. Games were enjoyed during the evening and a delicious pot luck lunch was served.

O. F. Barnes of Lansing was a Grayling business caller Friday.

Mrs. James Bowen of Detroit visited at the George Bielski home over New Year's.

Mrs. Henry Ney of Detroit was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith on New Year's day.

Mrs. B. B. DeLaMater and family of Saginaw are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Eckenfels.

Miss Dorothy May returned Thursday from Pinconning where she visited relatives and friends for a few days.

Glenn Smith and Charles Clauson visited at the Woodrow Fitzpatrick home in West Branch over New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reagan and son of Detroit spent Christmas with Mrs. Reagan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher at the Military Reservation, where they had spent Christmas with Mr. Reagan, who remained at that place.

LeRoy Smith who has been spending several years in the West, arrived in Grayling last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Carl Peterson and family. Mr. Smith resided in Grayling at one time being employed in the baking department of the Model Bakery.

Friday afternoon Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained a few friends at an informal tea to meet her sister, Mrs. Oscar Lubnau who was a bride of the month. Mrs. Joseph was assisted by Mrs. C. R. Keyport who poured and Mrs. B. E. Smith. There were twenty ladies present. Mrs. Glen Arnold of Ypsilanti and Mrs. Walter Woodson of Salisbury, N. C., were out of town.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport were hosts to a few friends at a very delightful dinner at Shoppensons Inn on Thursday evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lubnau of Detroit. The guests included besides the hosts, Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell of Gaylord and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arnold of Ypsilanti.

Gets His Medal After 62 Years



Here are Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hopkins of Boonton, N. J., admiring the Congressional Medal of Honor and a citation for distinguished gallantry under fire during the Civil War that were awarded Hopkins 62 years ago, but which had just reached him. The delay of the award was due to the veteran's reluctance to apply personally for the honor. The couple have just celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of their wedding.

Miss Anne McNeven, a teacher in the Detroit public schools, spent the New Year's week-end at the Peter McNeven home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbinson and son, returned from Lansing Thursday where they had been visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gross of Detroit visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swanson and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Gross and family over the holidays.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jerome left for her home in Lansing Monday night after having spent the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates.

Read your Home Paper

New Victor Records every Friday at Central Drug Store.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Michigan Memorial church will meet at the home of Mrs. Alfred Bobb on Wednesday afternoon, January 11.

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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mexico Backing Down in Oil Land Controversy With United States.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FIRST fruits of the efforts of Ambassador Dwight Morrow in Mexico and the "good will" flight of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh to the capital of that republic are seen in the action of the Mexican house of deputies in the oil land controversy which has been the main barrier to entirely friendly relations between the two countries. Urged on by President Calles, the house passed a bill wiping out the provision requiring owners of oil lands acquired prior to May 1, 1917, to exchange their fee simple titles for concessions terminating in fifty years.

This provision was a part of the law requiring effect the constitution of 1917 nationalizing Mexican natural resources. The retroactive application of this and other provisions to American properties acquired before the new constitution went into effect was objected to by the American government as confiscatory. Several months ago the Mexican Supreme court held the provision unconstitutional, but under Mexican law a law is not nullified until the Supreme court has held it invalid in five decisions. President Calles did not wait for the five decisions before yielding to the contentions of the American State department. Although news dispatches from Mexico City attribute the action of Calles to the friendly relations established by Morrow and Lindbergh, there is ample ground for the belief that the Mexican President was forced to take the step by the virtual state of bankruptcy of the Mexican government.

That the American government also is in a conciliatory mood was evidenced by its intention to relax the embargo on export of war munitions and military equipment to Mexico. The first instance of this relaxation was the permission given by the State department for the purchase by the Mexican government of the Ford airplane in which Mrs. Lindbergh flew to Mexico City.

COLONEL LINDBERGH terminated his Mexican visit Wednesday, when he hopped off for a tour of Central America. Accompanied by seven Mexican planes, the Spirit of St. Louis took the air early in the morning, skimming past the great volcanoes Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl, and was on its way to Guatemala City, the first scheduled stop, 675 miles away. About seven hours later he was being most enthusiastically welcomed by the Guatemalans. His tour will take him to Panama, where great doings are planned, and thence he will fly back by way of Honduras and Progress to Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh bade her son farewell as he left Mexico City, and a few minutes later she and her companions from Detroit started on their flight back to Michigan. They had a "bumpy" ride and were accompanied by two Mexican army planes.

A 1922 writing kept for the son of a prominent Detroit family has been found in the "treasure chest" of a late Mrs. Frances Grayson and is believed to be the "treasure chest" of a late Mrs. Frances Grayson and is believed to be the "treasure chest" of a late Mrs. Frances Grayson.

Said New York, for Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, on what was intended to be the first leg of a flight to Croydon, England, the Dawn immediately ran into rough weather and, save for a fragmentary SOS call picked up Sunday by the Canadian wireless station on Sable Island, has not been heard from. At that time the plane was long overdue at Harbor Grace. On Monday a cable operator on the opposite side of Trinity bay from Harbor Grace picked up part of a call which it was surmised might be from the Dawn, and it was thought possible the Grayson party might be down in some isolated spot not far away. Meanwhile a number of American destroyers, the dirigible Los Angeles and all vessels in the region sought diligently for traces of the missing plane, examining waters and the coast carefully but without result. The search, however, was continued.

HEARST'S wonderful Mexican documents were still further discredited when Frank W. McLaughlin, a civil engineer of Mexico City, appeared voluntarily before the senate investigating committee and declared that Miguel Avila, who procured the papers, was "a notorious purveyor of documents." McLaughlin, who said he knew nothing of the papers published in the Hearst papers purporting to show creation of a \$125,000 fund for four United States senators, told the committee that Avila had peddled "twenty or thirty worthless documents" to him, including one purporting to have come from the American embassy.

This latter, McLaughlin said, was brought to him by Avila in Mexico City. McLaughlin then was vice president of the El Sol Petroleum company, which has a contract with the Mexican government. It consisted of a single typewritten sheet of American Embassy stationery offering to disclose for \$10,000 or \$10,000 down what transpired between Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Sheffield upon the envoy's visit to Washington. Although the paper was unsigned, McLaughlin related that Avila told him Arthur Bliss Lane, then first secretary of the American embassy, was outside the building in an automobile and would furnish the information. McLaughlin said he did not believe Avila's story and told him so. That Lane had no part in such a scheme was denied by the State department, although the department itself declined to disprove the story with a formal denial.

J. P. MORGAN has been elected chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation to succeed the late Elbert H. Gary. James A. Farrell continues as president and chief executive, and Myron C. Taylor as chairman of the finance committee will supervise the concern's fiscal policies. The three thus form a triumvirate to direct the affairs of the great corporation. Morgan will perform as a consultant. Morgan will be responsible in a general way for the corporation's operations. Mr. Farrell will be the chief executive officer.

Closely related to the steel corporation was the announcement in New York that Harold Stanley, president of the Guaranty company of New York, will become a partner in J. P. Morgan & Co., succeeding Dwight W. Morrow, recently appointed United States ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Stanley, who is only thirty years old, has been president of the Guaranty company since December, 1921. He also is vice president of the Guaranty Trust company.

THIRTY-NINE exceptions, displayed in the findings of Charles Hughes, who, as special master for the United States Supreme court, upheld Chicago's right to divert Lake Michigan water for sanitary purposes, have been filed in the court by William W. Fisher, attorney general of Michigan.

Michigan, and five other lake states—Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York—who ordered by the court to file their exceptions to the Hughes report before January 8, and Michigan was the first to comply.

The Michigan exceptions attack practically every major conclusion of fact and law recommended in his report by Master Hughes and reassert the common contention of all the complaining states that neither the War department nor congress has power to authorize a diversion of water from one watershed to another.

HUNDREDS of servants from all parts of the country gathered in Nashville, Tenn., for the eighty-fourth annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and it was noted that, out of courtesy to their hosts, the word "evolution" was entirely absent from their program. The convention officials explained also that they sought to demonstrate to the people of the state that while evolution may be a fundamental hypothesis in biology, it is only one of the important subjects investigated in the broad field of science.

Dr. L. H. Bailey of Ithaca, retiring president, was absent because of illness and his place on the program was given to Dr. Sylvanus G. Morley, anthropologist of the Carnegie Institution. He told of the institution's investigation of the remarkable civilization developed by the Mayas, 2,000 years ago in what is now Guatemala and Mexico.

Dr. Clarence C. Little, president of the University of Michigan, laid before the association a program for pushing out the boundaries of man's knowledge of man. Citing the fact that there is a growing insistence that the supply of defectives should be controlled and diminished by preventing their reproduction, he emphasized the importance of turning from insects to mammals, such as cats, dogs, rabbits, mice, and rats, in the laboratory phase of experimental genetics.

THE necessity of immediate legislation empowering the War department to build up the nation's depleted munitions reserve by placing "educational orders" with private concerns is stressed by Secretary of War Davis in letters received by the chairman of the senate and house committees on military affairs.

The war secretary points out that failure of this government to place munitions orders with private concerns since the war has resulted in the disappearance of the munitions industry with the single exception of certain kinds of ammunition. He asks that the department be allowed to give annual orders to private concerns not only for ammunition, but for pilot models of the newly developed artillery and infantry weapons recently demonstrated at the army proving ground at Aberdeen.

NOTWITHSTANDING Secretary Davis' complaint, President Coolidge believes the American army and navy are in better shape now than they ever before have been in peace time. He told the White House correspondents that the budget policy toward appropriations for the armed services were liberal and in keeping with the nation's needs. In this connection he pointed out that budget estimates for the next fiscal year carry approximately \$100,000,000 more for national defense purposes than was carried in the budgets of two or three years ago. Congress also has been generous with appropriations, the President believes. In view of the President's expressed attitude, there is apparently little hope that he will ask for the appointment of a board to study the munitions situation.

CALIFORNIANS exhibited unexpected restraint when William Edward Hickman was taken from Oregon back to Los Angeles to be tried for one of the most revolting crimes of recent years. The young man had confessed that he was guilty of the kidnapping and brutal murder of little Marian Parker, callously giving all the terrible details of his crime. The law officers were fearful that attempts would be made to lynch him—and perhaps there could have been found few to blame the men of Los Angeles had they given Hickman such summary justice. However, the state was safely lodged in jail, and his trial was delayed only for the arrival of counsel engaged by his mother. On the train from Oregon Hickman made two futile attempts at suicide.

BRIG. GEN. SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, who commands the American marines at Tientsin, China, got into action the other day when the \$25,000,000 plant of the Standard Oil company there was threatened with destruction by fire. General Butler personally directed the marines and Chinese, British, French and Italian fire brigades in fighting the conflagration and by his orders dirt barricades were thrown up that saved the \$3,000,000-gallon oil tanks.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Ice Caves in Hungary—In the ice cave of Dobos in Hungary there is a large floor of ice the year around. Ice skating can be enjoyed during the warmest summer months, its icy glittering walls and ceiling are a dazzling and beautiful sight. Also in Hungary is the beautiful alpine cave so large one can stand hours exploring it.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES LEAD IN AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL

Protective System Now in Service on Practically Entire Main Line

New York, Jan. 1.—Trains on the New York Central Lines, with the advent of the New Year 1923, will be operated under the protection of an automatic train control system over a total of 4715 miles of track, with 1922 locomotives equipped with the necessary mechanism to function in conjunction with the track system which are calculated to prevent accidents.

This record attained by the New York Central Lines places them in the lead of all the railroads of the country in the installation of this automatic protection for trains, both passenger and freight. The New York Central mileage as equipped represents more than one-third of the total mileage placed under similar protection by all the railroads of the United States.

On the New York Central Railroad the new year will find automatic train control in operation between Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Chicago on the main line, the last link of this protection between Elkhart, Ind., and Englewood, Ill., going into service on January 10. Between Poughkeepsie and Elkhart, the automatic train control installations were carried out and put into operation before the close of 1922. Passengers hereafter will travel the entire distance between Boston and Chicago over the New York Central Lines and be under the protection of automatic control every mile of the way.

In addition to the main line between New York and Chicago the New York Central Lines have installed automatic train control equipment on all of the Boston and Albany Railroad, between Boston and Rensselaer, N. Y., on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie between Pittsburgh and Youngstown, Ohio, on the Michigan Central between Detroit and Kalamazoo, the junction with the Illinois tracks leading into Chicago, and on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis (the "Big Four" route) between Indianapolis and St. Louis.

The first automatic train control installation on the New York Central Lines was placed in service July 13, 1922, as provided by an Interstate Commerce Commission order of June 13, 1922. At this time, 1,015 miles of road and 2,734 miles of track were protected by the use of automatic train control. At the same time 1,470 locomotives were equipped with the automatic train control mechanism.

Following the completion of this initial installation, the New York Central Lines undertook a voluntary expansion program of automatic train control covering various portions of its system, railroads, which as now carried out makes the New York Central among the leaders of all the railroads of the country in putting into effect this elaborate system of train protection.

The voluntary installations made without any direct order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as carried to a conclusion in 1922, represents a total of 645 miles of road and 1,981 miles of track, over which 452 locomotives equipped with automatic train control devices are operated.

ADVERTISING BOOSTS

Evidence continues to pile up to the effect that the great advertisers of the country are coming more and more to recognize the fact that the newspaper is the best medium for advertising their wares.

John B. Spiker, president of the Cincinnati Real Estate Board recently told the Advertisers Club of that city, "The newspaper was undoubtedly the best medium for advertising real estate. Mr. Spiker told members of the club that it certainly pays to advertise real estate and that both classified and display space in newspapers are valuable for this purpose. Among other things the speaker emphasized the following points:

"Don't confine all of your advertising to the classified ads. Try display advertising. Your ads should have a sentimental appeal instead of the old stereotyped appeals of 'Cheaper to own your own home than to pay rent.' Bargain-price—Argument that you can gain your home at a profit any time you want is profitable.

"Your ads should be drawn so as to get prospects. That is the province of advertising. An ad will not sell a house.

"Advertising continuously, and don't take for granted that the public is sold on the idea of home ownership."

J. C. McQuiston, advertising manager of the Westinghouse Electric in a recent address in Chicago reiterated the fact that the local newspaper is the best advertising medium. Some of the reasons he gave, from his company's viewpoint, according to the Associated Press were:

First, intimacy—enabling the company to give itself a local identity helpful to itself.

Second, flexibility—"We can emphasize our products for a given industry in those sections where such industry predominates," he said.

Third, co-operative tie-in advertising with local dealers.

Fourth, reader interest—nearly every worth-while American buys and reads his daily paper.

The fifth advantage he listed as instant action—today's shopping news is responsible for today's selling.

Sixth, telling the public the industry's story; the opportunity to reach the masses with messages of local import and at timely seasons.

Seventh, the advantage of both localizing and nationalizing advertising. Eighth, provides a method checking results.

The business man who doesn't believe in newspaper advertising is now rare indeed.

Father Sage Says

Somehow the neighbors all ways think the sad look on a married woman's face is due to her husband.

PROPOSED NEW SLOGAN FOR MICHIGAN

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30.—"Magnetic Michigan" is proposed as a state slogan for Michigan by the Michigan Property Owner, which, in its January issue soon to be off the press, carried a cover design of the slogan and an article pointing out the major reasons why Michigan's magnetism is based upon fact.

The Property Owner points out that Michigan is among the nation's leading industrial states, third in exports and first in per capita income of its people, home of more multimillionaires than any other state except one, also more than 38 other combined, and home of the world's most rapidly growing industrial cities. While these facts pertain particularly to southern Michigan, northern Michigan is just as attractive as a place to play as southern Michigan is as a place to work, with more recreational lands and more water, particularly on the three largest of the Great Lakes, than any other equally large amount of land in America.

The magazine proposes the use of its cover design as an automobile radiator shield and for other emblems intended to help Michigan's advertising "stick" in the minds of people outside its borders.

WOMEN MAKE GOOD DRIVERS

By Erwin Greer

(President) Green School of Electrical and Automotive Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

Among the enthusiastic women who entered my automobile school, there were a number who have overestimated their ability, but it can be said that there were fewer in proportion who were unqualified than found in a like number of men. The women have a trait which serves them well, and that is of asking questions until they are satisfied the point is clear. Men are inclined to be backward or they dislike the idea of admitting their inability to understand. A man will pass up the puzzle and leave it to the future; a woman will master it then or proceed no further.

Every woman who is desirous of mastering the mysteries of her car should attend a school which is equipped to go into the subject from the elementary to the advanced state. If driving and caring for a car is her hobby, she will enjoy every minute of the time spent and will be well repaid by the knowledge acquired. The puzzles of the ignition, carburetor and other mysteries will unfold and she will have a foundation of mechanical knowledge which she can continually add to as time passes.

Many women have long since learned that they cannot depend upon the men about the house to make minor repairs to a car and these women have learned not to depend upon some one else.

One by one the finer points are taken up, as the adjusting of valve tappet clearance, the cleaning, adjusting and timing of ignition breaker points. By the time her course of instruction is finished the woman is qualified to not only care for her own car but is able to give advice to her friends.

It is being done by women all over the world. One must not expect to acquire a great amount of knowledge in a short time. A system must be followed and the automobile school has that system.

ELDERADO NUGGETS

Mrs. Joseph Weber left last Friday for Chicago, where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Anna Buchhoe resumed her duties as teacher of the Eldorado school Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, after spending the vacation at her home in Besmer, Michigan.

A New Year party was held at the Julius Kreuzer home New Year's Eve. The evening was spent in dancing and all report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Ferdinand Kemmetthue of Germany spent the Christmas holidays with his cousin, Mrs. Joseph Weber.

About thirty neighbors and friends gave Mrs. Mattie Funch a pleasant surprise Saturday evening, Dec. 31st. The evening was spent with games, music, and supper was served at midnight. A good time was enjoyed by all, and the guests left for home, all wishing Mrs. Funch a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Crane expect to leave Friday, Jan. 6th, for Louisville, Ky., to spend the remainder of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Morton Kline. On the way they will spend a few days with Mrs. Crane's brother and wife at Battle Creek.

BEAUTY A TOWN ASSET

In spite of the apparent commercialism of the age in which we live, it is evident to any observer that the American people are rapidly developing a greater appreciation of the beautiful. This is not confined to the wealthier classes, but extends to the great masses in the towns and villages and in the rural districts.

New towns and new sections of the older ones are being laid out with wider streets, with provision for large lawns, more trees, shrubbery and flowers, and a more attractive setting generally.

Recently built houses show better architecture and more harmonious with their surroundings, while unsightly yard fences have largely disappeared. The net result of all these modern developments is beauty. And aside from the satisfaction which it affords the eye, it pays in dollars and cents.

Beautiful cities, towns and villages attract people. They attract permanent residents, they attract tourists, and they attract trade. It is natural that a person selecting a trading center will choose a town that is beautiful and clean in preference to one that is unsightly and dirty, if other conditions are anyway near equal.

Of course it is possible that the daily struggle to the next Republican National convention will leave enough of their expense money in the middle west to relieve the farm situation.

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FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESUME

(By Wm. McMahon, Pres. New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

Oil looks better. The Institute seems to be accomplishing something at last, although it will be a year before the industry gets down to real profitable operations. Motors remain well, and leather is in a particularly advantageous position.

Foreign trade is favorable and home markets are steady. Cotton is showing the effects of southern liquidation and speculative selling. Agricultural conditions have improved and should continue to improve. Copper buying is in good volume around 14 cents. Sugar has been marked up about 30 points. Money is cheap and credit plentiful. There has been a large increase in brokers' loans.

Notwithstanding all the favorable items, many lines of industry are operating at a small margin of profit. This may be offset by universally low inventories.

Stock prices have been firm. There will be about a half billion dollars released the first of January for reinvestment, and this fact will stimulate the market. Bonds, preferred stocks and investment common stocks will be bought. We believe that a cautious policy is advisable. The situation is such that a technical corrective reaction of good proportions can come at any time. Wait until such a time to buy.

COMMUNITY SUICIDE

One of the strangest phenomena witnessed in most towns and small cities is the apparent good with which many otherwise good citizens contribute to the tendency to commit community suicide.

These citizens will often show uncommon zeal in boosting any movement to obtain civic improvements, to promote the location of new industries, to secure better educational facilities, and so on. Yet many of these same proud boosters will deliberately engage in a practice which nullifies all their otherwise laudable efforts—and then they wonder why their town doesn't go ahead.

We refer to the suicidal habit of haggardly saving from house to house, largely responsible for the failure of many communities to make the progress which their natural advantages should make possible. The money that ought to be kept at home for the expansion of local trade and industry is sent away to distant cities, never to return, through the indifference or thoughtlessness of the very persons who should set an example of local pride and loyalty.

A trifling saving here and there, usually more imaginary than real, is sufficient to cause the average citizen to forget his duty to his community and to himself, which if performed would mean more in the direction of local prosperity than all his other boosting efforts put together. Why boost in one direction, while committing community suicide in another?

NEWS 200 YEARS AGO

In connection with the 200th anniversary of the Maryland Gazette, which was celebrated at Annapolis a few weeks ago, some early copies of that newspaper were exhibited.

The news and advertisements of that day were naturally quite different from what is found in current newspapers, as they reflected the customs and beliefs of their time.

One of the stories from Vienna told of the burning of several persons convicted of witchcraft, among them "a midwife who had baptized 2,000 children in the name of the devil." A local item related the experience of a negro slave who struck a white man in an argument over a dog fight. The negro was sentenced to have one of his ears cut off "pursuant to the law in such cases."

Among the advertisements was one announcing the arrival of a cargo of about 200 choice slaves, which will be auctioned off on Thursday, Dec. 22d of this instant.

In its issue of October 21, 1702, the Maryland Gazette published the news of the birth of a son to the British king and queen, which had occurred on August 12. The story bore the headlines: "Great Joy to the Nation! A Prince of Wales is Born. God Save the King." This was the dissolute and notorious character who afterwards became George IV.

The Maryland Gazette was irretrievably succeeded for varying periods, but is still published, and is credited by the Librarian of Congress with being "the dean of present-day American newspapers."

They've been killing off rebel leaders in Mexico for 10, these many years but the supply does not seem to run out.—Des Moines Register.

FREDERIC NEWS

What has happened to our wonderful fall weather. Guess it has caught cold!

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas trees and entertainments at the school house and church. Santa visited both places.

Mr. and Mrs. Corsaut and family were in Detroit for Christmas. Mr. Corsaut remained in Detroit, the rest returning home Saturday.

Mr. Elmer Fenton was the guest of Miss Evelyn Barber for Christmas dinner and supper.

Edward V. Barber returned to Chicago Tuesday after visiting his folks and friends in Frederic over Christmas.

At this writing Mrs. Charles Horton is still on the sick list—seemingly to improve very slowly.

Mr. Jack Downer of Lansing was the guest of Miss Esther Barber over the holidays returning to Lansing Saturday.

Everyone was glad to see Mrs. Odell out again after a long siege of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Preston were guests at Mrs. Preston's (Erma Craven) home for Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Earle were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erve Rowe for Christmas dinner.

Elton G. Barber of Flint returned home Sunday after spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber.

Miss Louise Hawkes visited her parents at Hillsdale over the holidays. Mr. George E. Hall spent the holidays with his parents at Oshkosh Wisconsin.

Mrs. Ed. Welch is enjoying a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford of Barton City.

Mr. and Mrs. Calkins are occupying rooms over the John Parsons store.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Tobin spent Christmas with parents and friends returning to Johannesburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Johnson is slightly improved at this writing being in a very critical condition for the past two weeks.

As expected, the new Ford does not look like the Lincoln, notably in the number and contour of its wheels.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County on the third day of January A. D. 1923.

Present, Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of James A. Leighton, deceased.

Annette E. Stannard, having filed her petition, praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that admission and settlement of said estate be granted to the Executor, of said will, namely, Annette E. Stannard or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the sixth day of February A. D. 1923, at ten A. M., said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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